

APPENDIX F

CULTURAL RESOURCES



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Re: DHR Project File No. 2005-12651 / Received by DHR: December 5, 2005
Letter Report for the Reconnaissance Survey and Desktop Analysis of the Proposed Additions to the Coconut Creek Seminole Indian Reservation, Broward County, Florida

Dear Mr. Pepe:

Our office received and reviewed the above referenced survey letter report in accordance with Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act of 1966* (Public Law 89-665), as amended in 1992; 36 *C.F.R., Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties*; and Chapter 267, *Florida Statutes*, for assessment of possible adverse impact to cultural resources (any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object) listed, or eligible for listing, in the *National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)*, or otherwise of historical, architectural or archaeological value.

In October 2005, the Seminole Tribe of Florida conducted an archaeological and historical reconnaissance survey of the proposed additions to the Coconut Creek Reservation on behalf of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. No cultural resources were identified within the project area during the investigation.

It is the opinion of the Seminole Tribe of Florida that the proposed addition will have no effect on cultural resources listed or eligible for listing in the *NRHP*, or otherwise of historical, architectural or archaeological value. The Seminole Tribe of Florida recommends no further investigation of the subject parcel.

Based on the information provided, our office concurs with these determinations and finds the submitted report complete and sufficient in accordance with Chapter 1A-46, *Florida Administrative Code*.

If you have any questions concerning our comments, please contact Eric Hamilton, Historic Sites Specialist, by phone at (850) 245-6333, or by electronic mail at ehamilton@dos.state.fl.us. Your continued interest in protecting Florida's historic properties is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Frederick P. Gaske, Director, and
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Re: Letter Report for the Reconnaissance Survey and Desktop Analysis of the Proposed Additions to the Coconut Creek Seminole Indian Reservation, Broward County, Florida

Mr. Gaske:

The Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) of the Seminole Tribe of Florida has conducted a reconnaissance survey and desktop analysis for the proposed additions to the Coconut Creek Seminole Indian Reservation. This letter report details the results of this study.

The Seminole Tribe of Florida is in the process of researching information for an environmental assessment pertaining to tribally owned lands adjacent to the existing Coconut Creek Seminole Indian Reservation. The environmental assessment is necessary before the federal government takes these tribally owned lands in Coconut Creek into federal trust status, thereby increasing the size of the existing Coconut Creek Seminole Reservation.

A desktop analysis and reconnaissance survey of the project area was conducted to determine if the proposed transfer of property from the Tribe to the federal government will cause any potential impacts to any archaeological and historic resources that are listed or eligible for listing in the *National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)*.

The project area consists of the various parcels surrounding the current Coconut Creek Seminole Reservation in Broward County. The Reservation consists of approximately 89

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acres in the southwestern corner of Section 18 of Township 48 North, Range 42 East on the West Dixie Bend USGS Quadrangle (1962, PR 1983) (Figure 1). It is bounded to the south by Sample Road (S.R. 834) and to the west by U.S. 441/S.R. 7. The current project does not include the current Coconut Creek Seminole Reservation, which consists of approximately five acres of land occupied by the Coconut Creek Hard Rock Casino (Figure 2).

The principal investigator meets the minimum qualifications for archaeology, history, architecture, architectural history, or historic architecture contained in 36 CFR 61 (Procedures for Approved State and Local Historic Preservation Programs, Appendix A, Professional Qualifications Standards). Investigations were conducted under the direction of Jim Pepe, M.A.

Methods

Desktop Analysis

A desktop analysis of the project area was performed to identify previously recorded archaeological sites and historic resources. This analysis included an archaeological and historical literature and background information search for the locations, types, and chronologies of known cultural resources within the project area. Resources utilized for this research included public records on file with the Florida Master Site File (FMSF) as well as unpublished cultural resource management (CRM) reports on file with the THPO.

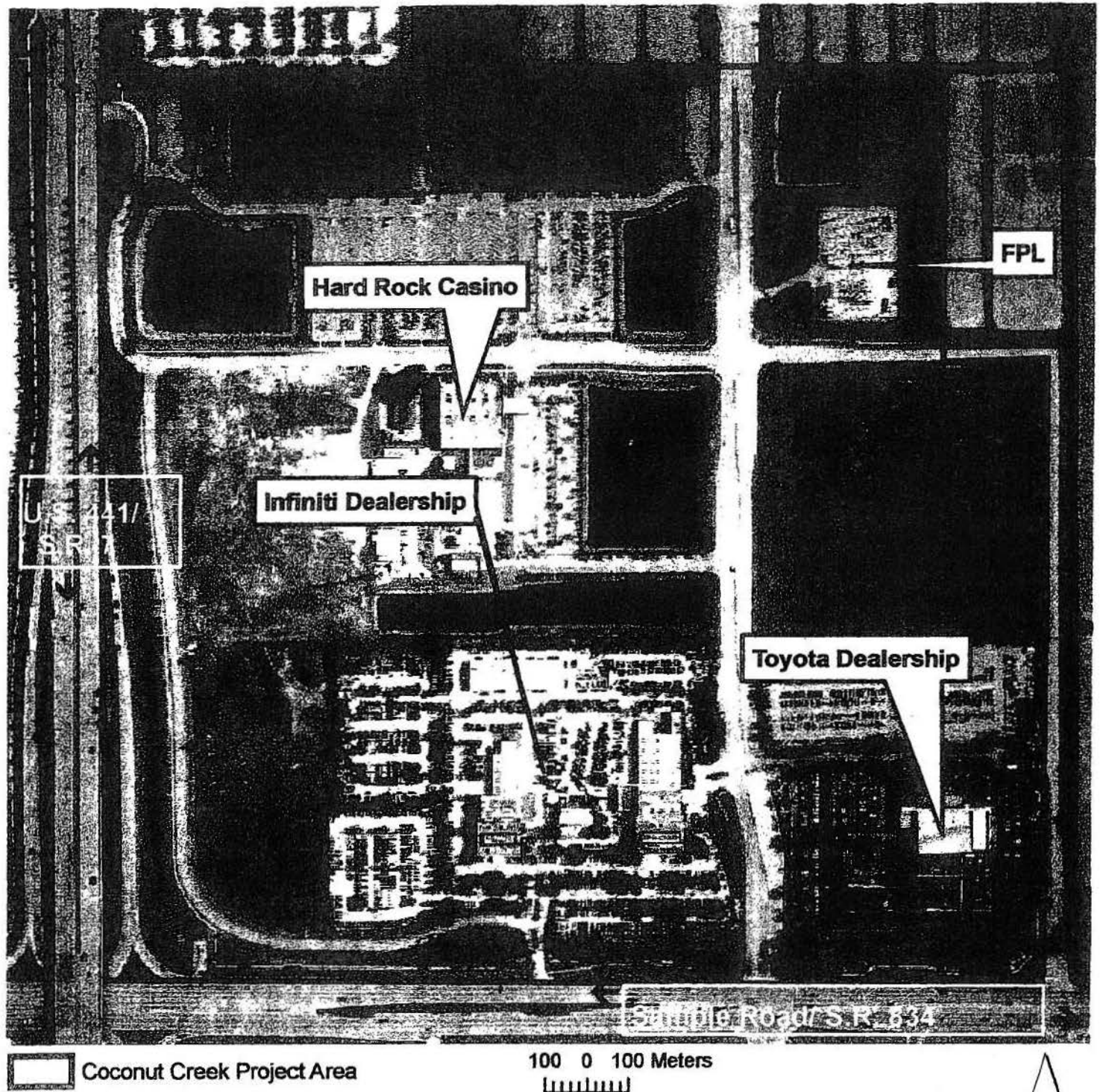
Additionally, the environmental conditions and the cultural context of the project area were studied in order to assess the potential for previously unrecorded cultural resources. Sources for this research included modern and historic aerial photographs, USGS quadrangle maps, and USDA soil surveys.

Reconnaissance Survey

The reconnaissance survey included a pedestrian and windshield survey to field-check archaeological site potential zones developed during the desktop analysis. Only one judgmental shovel test was excavated due to the extremely "built" nature of the survey area. Every attempt was made to contact and interview local informants. In many cases, local informants possess invaluable knowledge regarding nearby cultural resources that may be unavailable to the academic or professional Cultural Resource Management (CRM) communities. However, no informants could be located who could provide any information useful to this survey.



Figure 2: Coconut Creek Project Area



Results

Desktop Analysis

The search of the FMSF and THPO files revealed that no previous archaeological surveys of the project area have been conducted, nor are any archaeological sites known for the project area. The results of previous surveys of Broward County indicate that prehistoric archaeological sites are generally located on rises and/or hammock tree islands (Carr et al. 1991; Carr et al. 1993; Carr et al. 1995).

Environmental and land-use information available indicates that the project area was probably once located on an ecotone between the low, sandy pine flatwoods of central Broward County and the eastern edge of the Everglades. Soils listed for the project area include Basinger fine sand, Immokalee fine sand, and Margate fine sand (Natural Resources Conservation Service 2005). The drainage characteristics of these soils are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1. Soils Associated with the Project Area

SOIL TYPE	DRAINAGE CHARACTERISTICS	Total Area in Project Area	Percent of Project Area
Basinger fine sand	Poorly drained	20.1	18.1
Immokalee fine sand	Poorly drained	52.9	47.6
Margate fine sand	Poorly drained	30.7	27.6
Water	Null	7.4	6.7

Eventually, most of the area in and around the current project area was drained and converted to agriculture and/or pasture. By the 1990's, several automobile sales lots were established on the southern portion of the project area, and a Seminole smoke shop constructed on land that is currently part of the Coconut Creek Seminole Reservation. The smoke shop was demolished in the late 1990's in order to make way for the Coconut Creek Hard Rock Casino, which is located within the bounds of the current Reservation.

Currently, only a very small portion of the project area, located along the eastern edge of the survey area, exists in a somewhat natural state. This small natural area consists of former pastureland and is covered with grasses and a thin stand of slash pine. The rest of the project area consists of areas covered with buildings, parking lots, drainage ponds, or areas of rocky fill, some of which are used for casino parking. The northeastern corner of the project area consists of the Cullum Florida Power and Light Substation.

Based on this background research, the potential for archaeological sites within the study area is evaluated as low. All of the soils within the project area are poorly drained, no rises or hammock tree islands exist or once existed on the property, and the project area has also undergone intensive development over the years.

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Reconnaissance Survey

A pedestrian and windshield survey of the study area was conducted. Only one shovel tests was excavated due to the extremely "built" nature of the project area, including structures, parking lots, drainage ponds, roads, thick layers of fill, and many buried utilities. The shovel test was excavated in the only remnant area of natural vegetation left in the project area, along its eastern edge. No archaeological material was identified during the examination of the study area and no areas of archaeological site potential were identified.

Conclusions

This desktop analysis and reconnaissance survey identified no archaeological resources that will be impacted by the expansion of the Coconut Creek Seminole Indian Reservation through the transfer of tribally owned land to federal trust status. Additionally, the study area was determined to have low potential for containing unrecorded archaeological sites. It is the opinion of the THPO that no cultural resources eligible for listing in the *NRHP* will be effected by the proposed land transfer and the future expansion and development of the Coconut Creek Seminole Indian Reservation.

Unanticipated Finds

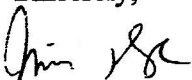
Although unlikely, should future construction activities uncover any archaeological remains, it is recommended that activity in the immediate area of the remains be stopped while a professional archaeologist can evaluate the remains. In the event that human remains are found during construction or maintenance activities, the provisions of Chapter 872.05 of the *Florida Statutes* will apply. Chapter 872.05 states that, when human remains are encountered, all activity that might disturb the remains shall cease and may not resume until authorized by the District Medical Examiner or the State Archaeologist. The District Medical Examiner has jurisdiction if the remains are less than 75 years old or if the remains are involved in a criminal investigation. The State Archaeologist has jurisdiction if the remains are more than 75 years of age.

Curation

Original notes and photographs are curated at the THPO, along with a copy of this report. Similarly, other pertinent project records are temporarily stored at the THPO.

Please call if you have any questions or if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,



Jim Pepe

Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

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APPENDIX A:
PHOTOGRAPH OF THE PROJECT AREA



Photograph of the Coconut Creek Project Area, Facing Northwest

APPENDIX B:
SURVEY LOG SHEET

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Survey Log Sheet

Florida Master Site File
Version 2.0 9/97

Survey # (FMSF only)

Consult *Guide to the Survey Log Sheet* for detailed instructions.

Identification and Bibliographic Information

Survey Project (Name and project phase)

Coconut Creek Seminole Reservation Expansion

Report Title (exactly as on title page)

Letter Report for the Reconnaissance Survey and Desktop Analysis of the Proposed Additions to the Coconut Creek Seminole Indian Reservation,
Broward County, Florida

Report Author(s) (as on title page— individual or corporate; last names first)

Pepe, Jim

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American Antiquity; see *Guide to the Survey Log Sheet*.)

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Proposed Additions to the Coconut Creek Seminole Indian Reservation, Broward County, Florida, THPO, Seminole Tribe of Florida, 2005

Supervisor(s) of Fieldwork (whether or not the same as author[s]; last name first) Pepe, James P. Affiliation of Fieldworkers (organization, city) Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Seminole Tribe of Florida

Key Words/Phrases (Don't use the county, or common words like *archaeology*, *structure*, *survey*, *architecture*. Put the most important first.
Limit each word or phrase to 25 characters.)

Coconut Creek, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Hard Rock, US 441, SR 7, Sample Road

Survey Sponsors (corporation, government unit, or person who is directly paying for fieldwork)

Name Seminole Tribe of Florida, Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Address/Phone HC61, Box 21A, Clewiston, FL 33440/(863) 902-1113 Recorder of Log Sheet Jim Pepe Date Log Sheet Completed 11/28/05

Is this survey or project a continuation of a previous project? ☒ No ☐ Yes: Previous survey #(s) [FMSF only]

Mapping

Counties (List each one in which field survey was done - do not abbreviate; use supplement sheet if necessary)

 Broward

USGS 1:24,000 Map(s) : Map Name/Date of Latest Revision (use supplement sheet if necessary):

 West Dixie Bend/1962 PR 1983

Description of Survey Area

Dates for Fieldwork: Start 10/14/05 End 10/14/05 Total Area Surveyed (fill in one) hectares 89 acresNumber of Distinct Tracts or Areas Surveyed 8 If Corridor (fill in one for each): Width meters feet Length kilometers miles

APPENDIX C:
COPY OF FIELD MAP

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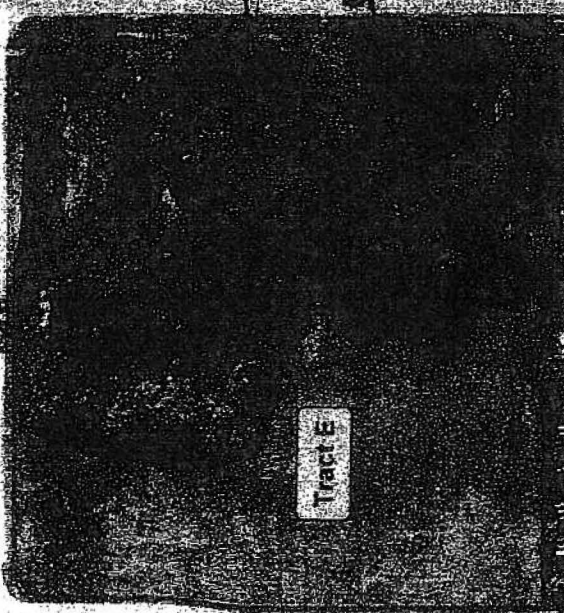


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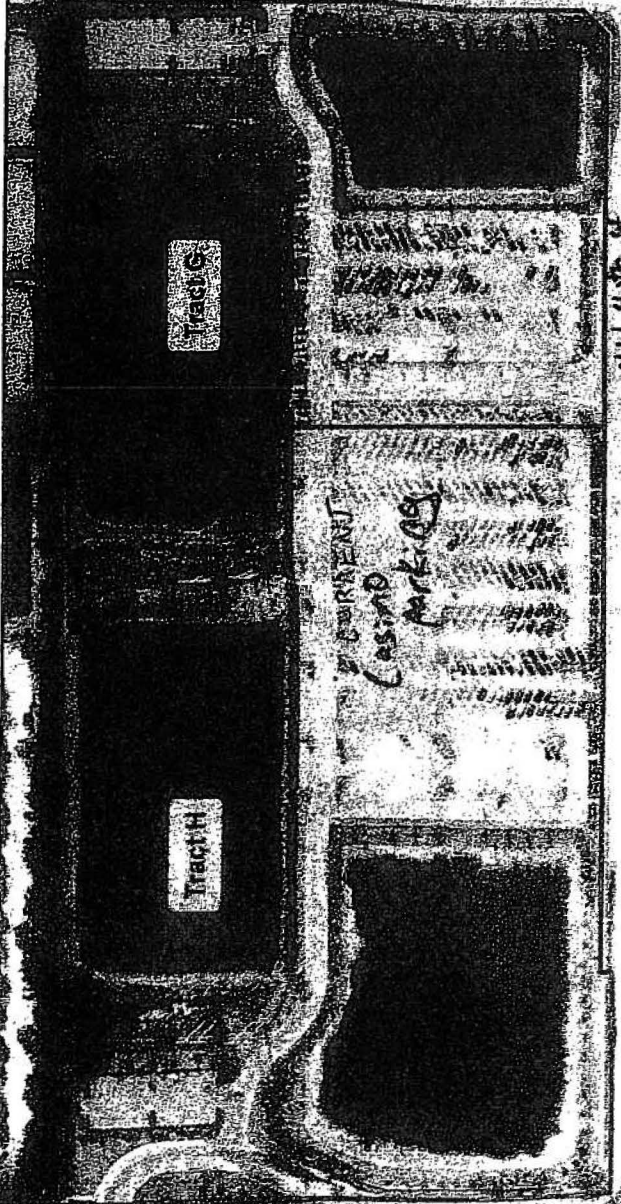
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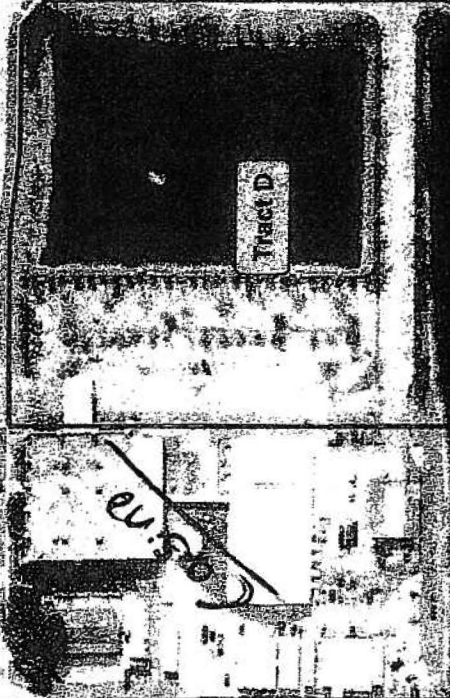


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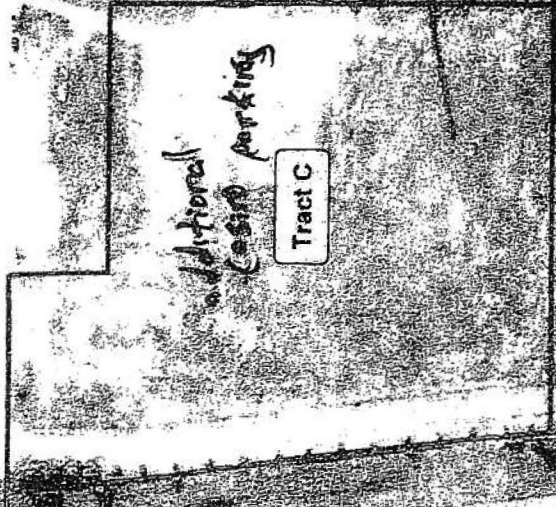
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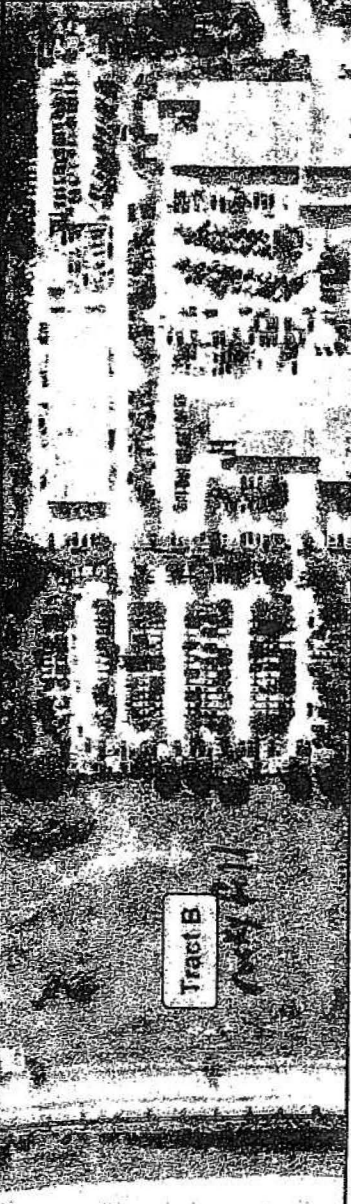


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Tract C



Tract B



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